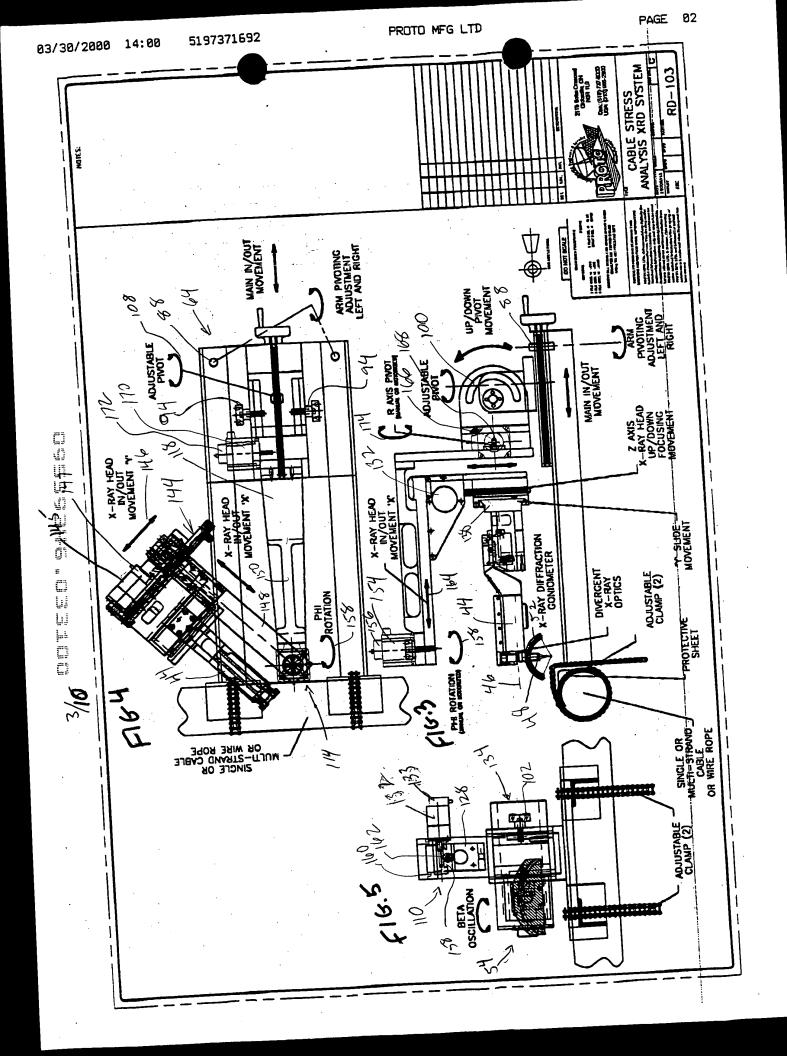


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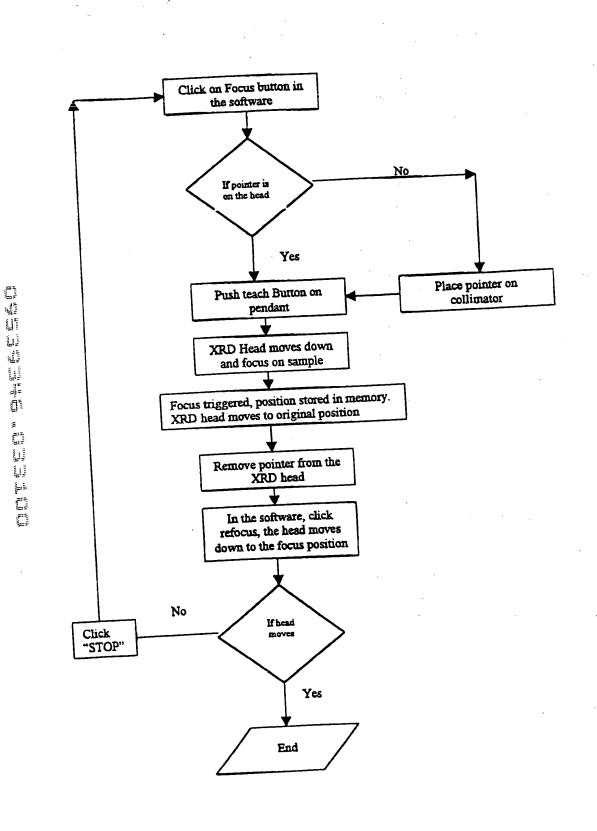
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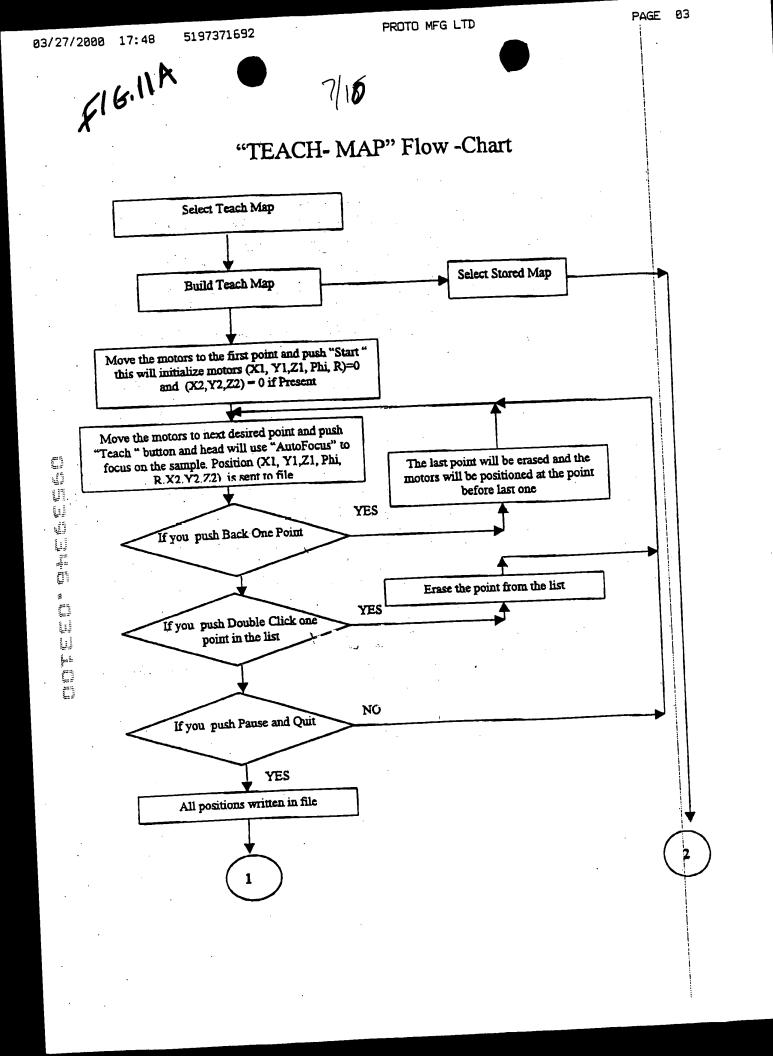
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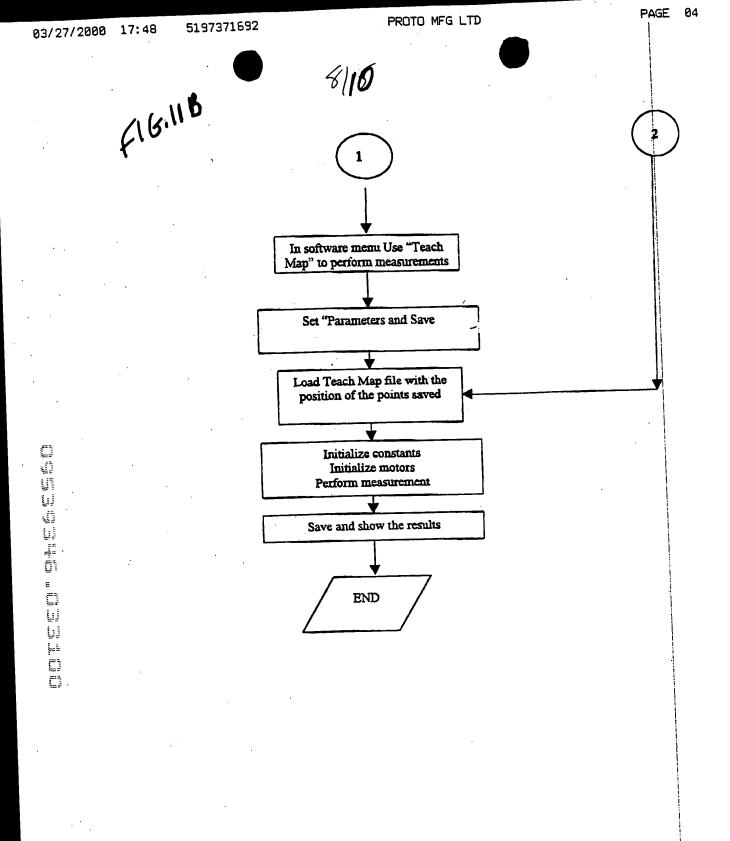
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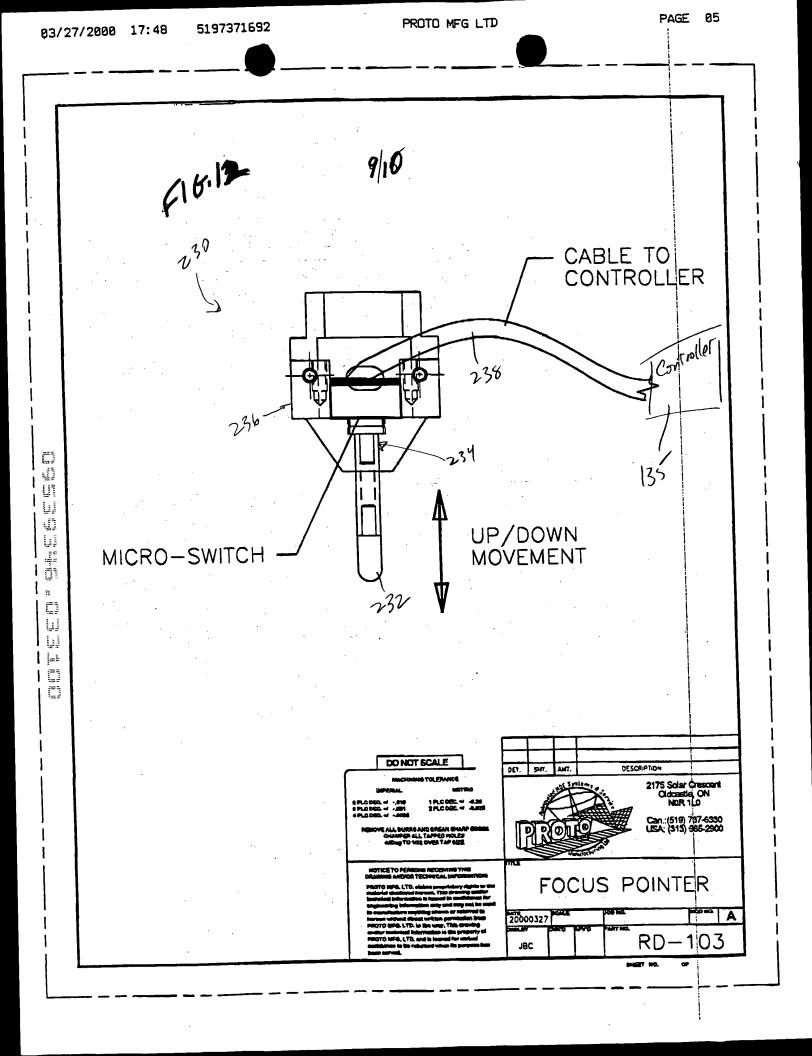
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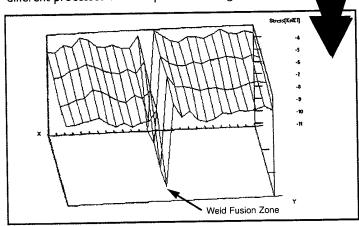


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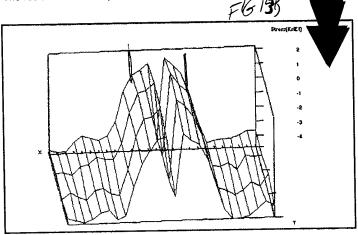
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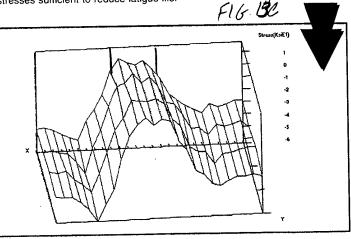
Characterizing Residual Stress on the same component after different processes to solve premature fatigue failure.



The residual stress map after resistance welding.



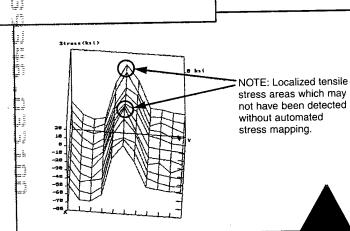
The same weld after "heat treatment". NOTE: Introduction of tensile residual stresses sufficient to reduce fatigue life.



The same weld after hand grinding further introducing counter productive tensile stresses.

NOTE: Localized area of high tensile stresses in heat affected zone presents greater potential risk of crack initiation. This area may not have been detected without the application of automated stress mapping.

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Laser Welded Stainless Steel Pipe

The residual stress in a 316 stainless steel pipe that was laser welded was mapped through the weld and parent material. The concern was that the laser weld has created tensile residual stress levels near yield which could decrease the burst strength of the pipe while in service.

The residual stress map above reveals localized tensile residual stress areas in the center of the laser weld. If this section of pipe were placed in service, the tensile residual stress maxima already existing in the center of the weld would be increased even more due to the applied stress of the working pressure on the pipe, thus making this area highly susceptible to SCC. Some post weld residual stress management process would be recommended to introduce compressive surface stresses in the weld and HAZ.